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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1614

KRIWET ET AL.

Examiner: Vickie Kim

APPLICATION NO: 09/871,367

FILED: MAY 31, 2001

FOR: TOPICAL COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING ASCOMYCINS

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of May 6, 2005 in the above-identified application has a shortened statutory time set to expire on August 6, 2005. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

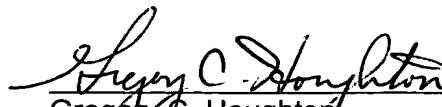
The response to said Final Office Action is the filing of a continuation application of the above-identified application.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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